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FOR BRZEZINSKI

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 3775 ACTION SECSTATE JULY 30.

QUOTE S E C R E T PRETORIA 3775

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, UK, PDEV

SUBJECT: BOTHA-OWEN-VANCE MEETING

REF: STATE 173914, PRETORIA 3684,

1. I SPOKE WITH SIR DAVID SCOTT THIS MORNING ABOUT STATUS OF  
SAG RESPONSE TO OWEN LETTER INVITING BOTHA TO LONDON MEETING.

2. SCOTT SAID THAT AT WEDNESDAY (JULY 27) MEETING WITH BOTHA  
LATTER WAS AMBIVALENT. HE DISPLAYED SOME RELUCTANCE TO  
ATTEND, EXPRESSING DESIRE TO AVOID ANOTHER SESSION LIKE  
VIENNA WHERE US CAME WITH SET POSITION AND PROCEEDED TO  
PRESCRIBE WHAT WAS EXPECTED OF SOUTH AFRICA. NEVERTHELESS,

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BOTHA SAW VALUE OF DIALOGUE BUT COULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT  
WITHOUT CONSULTING PRIME MINISTER.

3. THE NEXT DAY (THURSDAY, JULY 28), SCOTT CONTINUED,  
HE RECEIVED STRANGE PHONE CALL FROM BOTHA SUGGESTING THAT HE  
MIGHT WISH TO SPEAK DIRECTLY WITH VORSTER ABOUT THE INVITATION.  
SCOTT IMMEDIATELY SOUGHT AND OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH THE

PRIME MINISTER FOR FOLLOWING MORNING (FRIDAY, JULY 29).

4. SCOTT REPORTS THAT VORSTER WAS COOL BUT NOT UNFRIENDLY. THEY DISCUSSED PURPOSE OF THE LONDON MEETING FROM WHICH SCOTT GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT VORSTER ON BALANCE WAS FAVORABLY DISPOSED BUT WANTED TO THINK FURTHER ABOUT THE MATTER BEFORE GIVING RESPONSE.

5. TWENTY-FOUR HOURS HAVE PASSED SINCE VORSTER-SCOTT MEETING AND SCOTT HAS HAD NO FURTHER WORD FROM VORSTER OR BOTHA. SCOTT PROMISED TO LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS HE RECEIVED REPLY. BOWDLER UNQUOTE VANCE

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